

MASSACHUSETTS FIRES IN 2004

29,462 Fires - Up 6% From 2003

52 Civilian Deaths
373 Civilian Injuries
579 Fire Service Injuries
\$186 Million in Property Damage
1,422 Reported Arsons



Structure Fires

14,006 Fires - Up 8%
38 Civilian Deaths
304 Civilian Injuries
530 Fire Service Injuries
\$166.9 Million in Property Damage
369 Arsons Reported



Motor Vehicle Fires

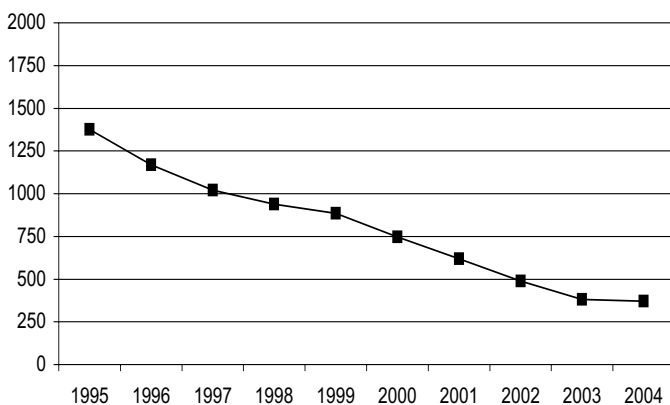
3,789 Fires - Down 16%
8 Civilian Deaths
24 Civilian Injuries
20 Fire Service Injuries
\$13.6 Million in Property Damage
217 Arsons Reported



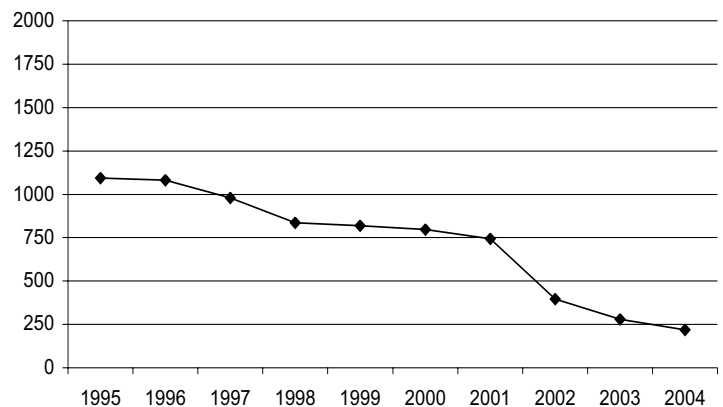
Other Fires

11,667 Fires - Up 13%
6 Civilian Deaths
45 Civilian Injuries
29 Fire Service Injuries
\$6.1 Million in Property Damage
836 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



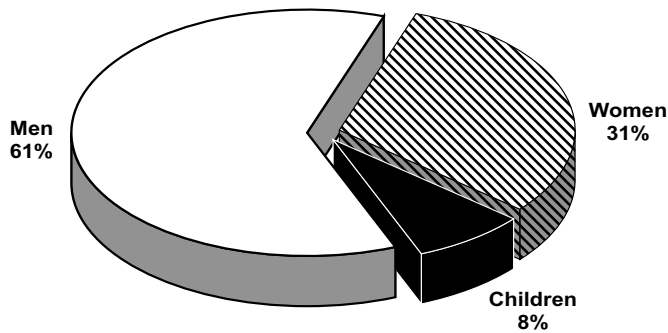
Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



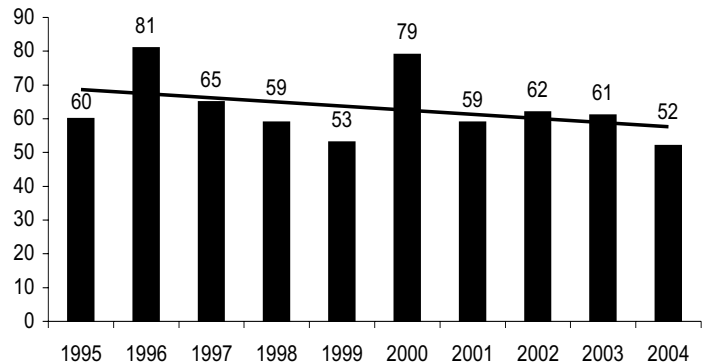
Structure arson fell 3% and motor vehicle arson fell 23% from 2003 to 2004. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 96%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires that were captured in MFIRS v4 prior to 2001, the first year of the revised Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS v5).

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEATHS IN 2004

Civilian Fire Deaths

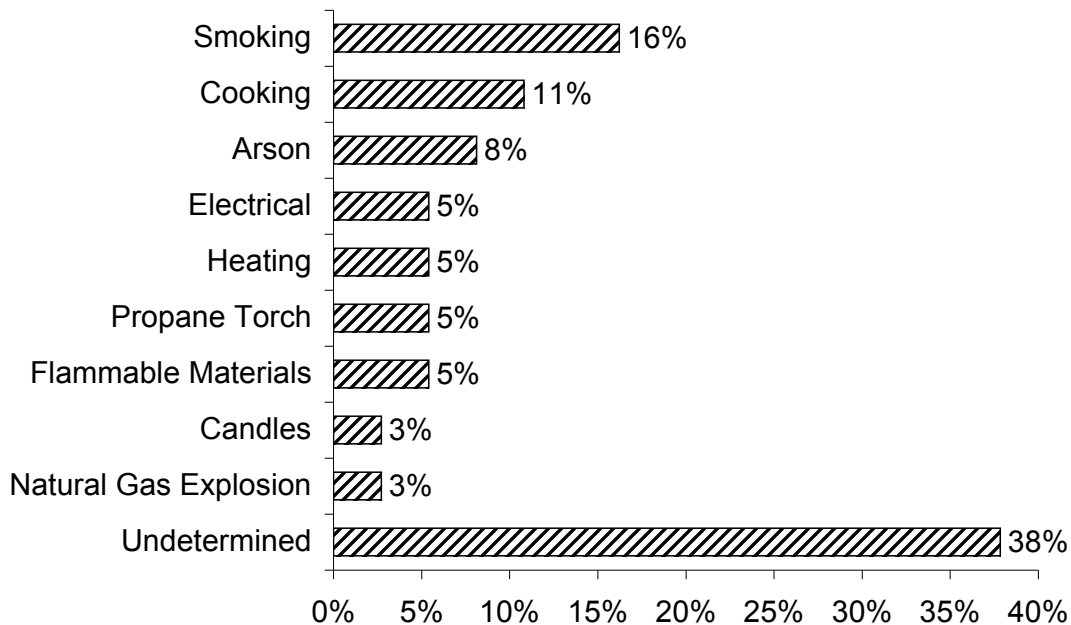


Fire Deaths by Year



- 46 fatal fires killed 52 civilians - 32 men, 16 women and 4 children. No firefighters died in a fire in 2004.
- 1 in 3 fatal fire victims was an older adult (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased 15% from the 61 deaths reported in 2003.
- Lowest number of fire deaths in Massachusetts on record.
- 71% of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- Improper or unsafe use of smoking materials was the leading cause of residential structure fire deaths. Smoking caused 6, or 16%, of residential structure fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



Test your smoke detector and plan your escape!
Fire doesn't wait!

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